

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 6.

U. S. CONGRESS.—The Thirty eighth Congress expired by limitation at noon on Saturday. Both Houses remained in session for the greater part of Friday night. The Senate struck out the House amendment to the miscellaneous appropriation bill, providing that hereafter civilians should not be tried by military commissions, and the House refusing to concur in this action the bill was lost. The bill as originally reported, contained large appropriations for the coast survey, lighthouse, established land surveys, and other effects of a miscellaneous character. This being considered an "omnibus" bill, the House added new features, and the Senate weighed it down with heavy appropriations, including at least four millions of dollars for reimbursing Missouri for the expense of calling out and subsisting the State militia, and appropriating seven or eight hundred thousand dollars to repay moneys advanced for the Pennsylvania militia in assisting to repel invasion. All the other appropriation bills were passed; and much miscellaneous business transacted, among which were bills to establish a bureau for refugees and freedmen, and to authorize the coinage of three cent pieces of copper and nickel, and to prohibit the issue of fractional currency under five cents. The bankrupt and the Illinois and Niagara Ship Canal bills were lost in the Senate; while the bill to pay extra compensation to the builders of iron clads, was also lost. Nothing was finally done with the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, the House bill remaining clogged in the Senate with amendments.

In the Baltimore Annual Conference M. E. Church, on Saturday, Rev. Mr. Lanahan moved the Rev. Joseph Wheeler, a former member of the Conference be recognized.—"Rev. Mr. Wheeler explained his absence from the Conference since 1861. He had been caught in Staunton, Va., when the war broke out, and had not been able to get away until November last. He vowed himself as truly loyal to the government of the United States, and in no sympathy whatever with the rebellion." The Virginia district was called, when Rev. Mr. Lanahan responded, giving a satisfactory report of the ministers under his charge. The missionary collections were reported as not having fallen off from those of the previous years.

In the bill recently passed by the Confederate House of Representatives, to authorize arming of such negroes for military service, as may be tendered by their masters, is a claim authorizing a call upon each State for her quota of three hundred thousand men, irrespective of color, in addition to those subject to military duty under existing laws.

In the accounts of the procession at the Inauguration, on Saturday, it is said, "one novel feature was the colored troops and colored Odd Fellows, with their band."

A heavy freshet has occurred in the Tennessee river. Nashville is surrounded with water. Bridges &c. have been washed away. Much damage to property.

FROM MEXICO.

Mexican advices received at New York through private sources state that the war in the United States is attracting special attention, and that instructions had been received by the Mexican police to arrest all persons who expressed sympathy with the Federal cause. The San Francisco Democrat asserts positively, on the authority of the agent of Dr. Gwin, that the Emperor Napoleon has not abandoned his design of colonizing Sonora.—Maximilian is however, to still exercise paramount authority over that territory, but it is to be held in trust for the payment of the French debt, and is to be defended by the arms of France. The American Consul, who was dismissed recently from Matamoras, had arrived at Southwest Pass, on his way to New Orleans. The Times, of the latter city, is informed that the return of the Consul was in consequence of the non-recognition of the Imperial authority in Mexico by the Government of the United States. An order has been issued at New Orleans prohibiting, until further orders, the granting of any permits for vessels or merchandise clearing for Matamoras.

The Jackson (Mississippi) papers of the 18th ult. contain the address of Gen. Forrest to his troops. Recounting the result of his operations during the past year, he says they have fought fifty battles, killed and captured 16,000; captured 2,000 horses and mules, 67 pieces of artillery, 14 transports, 20 barges, 300 wagons, 50 ambulances, 105 stand of arms, and 40 block houses; destroyed 36 Railroad bridges, 2,000 miles of Railroad, six locomotives, a hundred cars, and fifteen millions worth of property. In accomplishing this he admits that they were occasionally sustained by other troops, but says their regular number never exceeded five thousand. Two thousand had been killed or wounded, and two thousand taken prisoners. He tells them to prepare for renewed actions.

There was quite an excitement at Oswego, New York, on Saturday, in consequence of the reception there of a despatch from Governor Fenton, stating that information from Halifax had been received at the War Department of a contemplated raid on Oswego and Rochester. A public meeting was immediately called to take such steps as might be necessary.

The army correspondent of the Associated Press states that the cheering in the Confederate lines, was caused "by the distribution of the whisky ration," which, of late, has been a rarity. The Confederates made it a joke for "capturing Sherman."

Mr. Wm. C. Rives, of Virginia, has resigned his seat in the Confederate House of Representatives. He states that increasing years and sickness render retirement necessary for him.

The Washington Chronicle speaking of the devastations of the war, in the Southern states, thinks that "sternest demands of avenging justice would seem to be fully satisfied," except, it adds, in the case of the "leaders."

The called session of the Senate of the U. S. for the confirmation of nominations, &c., commenced to day.

Reported Capture of Gen. Early, &c.

Three several dispatches from Gen. Grant, dated yesterday, at City Point, report, on the authority of deserters and refugees, "that after capturing Charlottesville, Sheridan marched against Staunton. At some point between these two places Sheridan is said to have attacked and captured General Early and a considerable number of his command. Early's entire force is estimated at only eighteen hundred men. It is also reported, on the same authority, that General Lee had sent four brigades to Lynchburg for the purpose of holding that place against Sheridan.

A very peculiar service took place at Trinity (Episcopal) Chapel, New York, on Thursday last, Father Agapins, a Greek priest, officiating at the altar, and performing certain ceremonies known only to the Russian (or Greek) Church.

The Richmond Whig says:—"The House of Delegates has passed a resolution to submit to the people, at the general election on the fourth Thursday of this month, whether or not a convention of the State shall be called.

The New Orleans Times of the 25th says the reported expulsion of the United States Consul from Matamoras appears to be confirmed by his arrival at the Southwest Pass.

Gold, in New York, to day, 198½.

DIED.

At Shepherdstown, Va., recently, Mrs. MARY MORGAN, daughter of the late Dr. A. J. Smith, and wife of the late Jacob Morgan, of Shepherdstown.

At Selma, near Eastville, Northampton co., Va., on Wednesday the 15th of February, Doctor GEO. T. YERBY, aged sixty two.—Dr. Yerby, was formerly, for many years a member of the Legislature of Virginia.

MILCH COWS & CALVES FOR SALE.

The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has just received a fresh lot of MILCH COWS and CALVES, which can be purchased at No. 303, upper end, Prince st., and which he will sell at the lowest rates. A call respectfully solicited. WM. GRAY, Butcher
mh 6—3t

FOR RENT.

SEVERAL ROOMS, over the "National Bakery," No. 4, south Fairfax street. Possession given immediately. mh 6—2t

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The following gentlemen are suggested as suitable candidates for Mayor and City Council in the coming election, to be held on the 11th instant.

For Mayor.	
CHAS. A. WARE.	
City Council—First Ward,	
LEWIS MCKENZIE,	SAMUEL BAKER.
W. J. COWING,	L. D. HARMON
Second Ward,	
A. C. HARMON,	A. MORAN,
A. JAMIESON,	JAS. L. DYSON.
Third Ward,	
S. F. BEACH,	J. TACEY,
S. N. GARWOOD,	C. H. GREGORY.
Fourth Ward,	
W. D. MASSEY,	W. N. BERKLEY,
ROBERT BELL,	M. ELDRIDGE.
mh 3—1c	

We hereby announce COL. DANIEL F. DULANY, as a candidate for the Mayoralty of Alexandria. MANY VOTERS.
mh 3—3t

FOR SALE.

A COUNTING ROOM DESK and RAILING. Also a lot of FANCY SHELVES.—Apply at this office. mh 4—3t